

Jewish Lesbian/Gay Parenting

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will present "A Jewish Perspective on Lesbian and Gay Parenting" this month. The program, a series of four panels, all begin at 2:30 on Sunday afternoons in the synagogue.

The first panel, November 5, is titled: "So You Want To Be a Parent ... Raising Children in the Lesbian/Gay and Jewish Communities."

The panel will include a number of parents; women and men, single parents, couples, members of Sha'ar Zahav, as well as people not associated with the synagogue. All offer a unique angle on the topic of parenting. Children of these parents range from infants to teenagers and their experiences add up to many years of parenting.

Some of the topics the group will cover: raising children in a home with Jewish and non-Jewish parents; introducing older children to the Jewish community; how parenting changes one's relationship to the lesbian/gay community, the synagogue, and the wider Jewish community; beyond childhood (teenagers in the community); and lack of childcare in these communities.

On November 19, the second panel will present: "A Lawyer and a Rabbi Talk About Lesbian/Gay Parenting." Attorney Roberta Achtenberg will provide information about the many legal issues surrounding the lesbian/gay family, including sealed adoption records; adoption of a child by both parents in a gay or lesbian relationship; and wills, guardianships, and other tools for protecting our families.

Among other things: Rabbi Yoel Kahn will discuss the interrelationships among our roles as Jews, lesbians, gays and parents; the liberal Jewish perspective on open adoption; and conversion and circumcision for adoptees.

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Photo by Shirley Lieberman

Long-Range Planning

Who Are We and Why Are We Here?

Are we gay Jews—or Jewish gays? Do we want our synagogue to be a center of political activism—or do we wish those voluble activists would quiet down? Do we want to try to provide more social services—or focus on referring our members to other community resources? Do our members with AIDS feel loved and supported by their synagogue—or dismally ignored?

The congregation is about to mark its 13th anniversary and we've begun to take stock in order to make long-range plans for our future. The decisions we make today will dramatically affect where we will be and what we'll be doing in five years. It's time to make reasoned and carefully thought out choices with an eye towards our future—not just towards tomorrow or next week.

You may never have heard of the Long-Range Planning Committee. We don't put on parties or lead Shabbat services, but we *are* hard at work planning Sha'ar Zahav's future. To do that, we need to find out what you in the congregation think and feel about where we are today and where we should be headed. What do we want our synagogue to be? How do we get there? What are the major problems we face?

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Shelves Fall!

Other than the two library shelves which fell during the last great earthquake on October 17, our temple building came through splendidly.

Reflections on the High Holidays

Now that the High Holidays are behind us, I have been able to sit back, take a deep breath, and reflect peacefully on experiences of those days.

The strongest feeling is one of pride—pride in the community at Sha'ar Zahav. We have so much to be proud of all through the year, our community work with AIDS patients, being a leader of gay and lesbian synagogues. At the High Holidays I felt the attainment of a higher level of good work—not only for our membership but the community at large. Several people at Brandeis Hillel Day School (where my son Shawn attends kindergarten) made a point to thank me for their wonderful experiences at Sha'ar Zahav this High Holiday season. They were very appreciative of our openness, our warmth and the welcoming feeling that is offered to newcomers and guests. One woman best expressed this feeling: "Sha'ar Zahav exemplifies what is best about being part of the Jewish people and the Jewish community in the Bay Area." Naturally, I felt an enormous rush of pride for all of us; we can really feel good about the part we play in strengthening and advancing the commitment to progressive Judaism in Northern California.

Our tireless High Holiday coordinators, Claudia Bernard, Steve Greenberg, Scott Mezistrano and Hal Podgur will be acknowledging (in the December issue of the *Gaily Forward*), all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make our services a reality this year. I also want to take this opportunity to thank all who donated their efforts towards making this High Holiday season a spiritual and uplifting experience for all of us. It could never have been done without you, and you can be quite proud of your efforts on behalf of the synagogue and our community.

I would also like to thank my lover, Aaron Cooper, and our son Shawn for providing me with the emotional support and love that have helped me through the season. They have buoyed my spirits and helped provide me with the energy and strength that I so needed to help me in my responsibilities this year.

May we continue to work together in harmony today, tomorrow and for many years to come. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve our community this year.

—Eric Keitel

Office Notes

Lost and Found: If you haven't been able to find that elusive scarf or jacket you swear you wore to synagogue last shabbat, check with the synagogue office. Found items are held onto for some time in the office, and we'd love to see you redressed.

Thank you for your donations! However, you can help the office and treasurer immeasurably by writing a separate check for each donation made to the synagogue. For example, to pay your dues and building pledge, please send two checks. Help save the office staff and bookkeeper extra work.

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Payment must accompany ad and should be sent to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers at Caselli, San Francisco, California 94114, marked attention *Forward* advertising. The advertising deadline is the second Monday of the month. The *Forward* reserves the right to reject any ad for reasons of taste.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained several new members and friends in October. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Mindy Robin Adelman

Daniel Harry Kodmur

Eileen Linda Lynette

Peter Jay Rosenfeld

David Nathaniel Supornick

Jim Perkins

New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

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A Jewish Perspective On Lesbian and Gay Parenting

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**November 5: So You Want
To Be A Parent. . . Raising
Children In the Lesbian/Gay
and Jewish Communities**

**November 19: A Lawyer and
A Rabbi Talk About
Lesbian/Gay Parenting**

**December 3: A Lifelong Perspective
on Jewish Adoption**

**December 17: The Newest
Special Needs Children:
Caring for HIV+ and
"Crack"-Affected Kids**

For more information, call Lisa, 285-4934.

Child care available if arranged a week in advance.

Parenting

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The series continues December 5 with "A Lifelong Perspective on Jewish Adoption." The final panel in the series, "The Newest Special Needs Children: Caring for HIV Positive and 'Crack'-Affected Kids," will be presented December 17.

This series is the joint project of four Sha'ar Zahav committees: Social Action, Education, Family Chavurah, and Women's Chavurah. Watch for an update in next month's *Forward*.

Long-Range

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You will soon receive a survey from us with questions about your thoughts, ambitions, criticisms and suggestions for Sha'ar Zahav. With the information you give us, as well as with the results of our future meetings with committees and informal groups of members, we will be putting together proposals and making recommendations to the Va'ad on everything from children's programs to service-leading, political involvement to interpersonal power issues. Of course, you'll be hearing about the results and our recommendations. This is your opportunity to play a role in shaping your synagogue's future and making it responsive to your needs and concerns. So please make sure to take the time to fill out and return those surveys. We're counting on you and your thoughts.

—Tiela Chalmers, Co-Chair

October Va'ad Report

Due to the October 17 earthquake, the October Va'ad Report will appear in the next issue of the *Forward*.

Condolences

We at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav extend our sympathy to the following members who have suffered a recent loss.

To **Stan Osofsky** on the loss of his father, William Osofsky.

To **Walt Leiss** on the loss of his brother, Albert Leiss.

To **Susan Greenspan** on the loss of her mother, Fritzi Greenspan.

To **Dan Bellm** on the loss of his friend, Ken Kamman, and on the loss of his grandmother, Elizabeth Bellm.

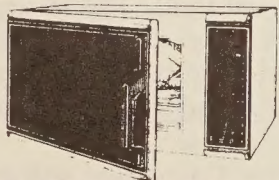


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A Post-High Holiday Reading List

Many different ideas, themes and thinkers were discussed over our High Holidays. Initially I would like to remind you of one theme from Rosh Hashanah—the importance of the Domestic Partners law on the November 7 ballot (Proposition S). If you are registered in San Francisco, please remember to vote!

Secondly, perhaps you heard a name or an idea you'd like to follow up on; maybe having heard a quote, you'd like to learn more. In consultation with the lay sermonizers, I have prepared a select bibliography based on the themes of our High Holiday sermons. Books marked with an asterisk are available in the CSZ Library. Copies of all the sermons (by Laurie Davis, Betty Kalis, Mike Rankin and myself) are available. In response to requests, cassette tapes of the evening sermons are also available.

***Abraham Isaac Kook**, *The Lights of Penitence, the Moral Principles...* (Paulist Press, 1978. Ben-Zion Bokser, trans.) Teshuvah as process leading to redemption, the holy sparks of atheism.

***Marcia Falk**, "Toward a Feminist Jewish Reconstruction of Monotheism" and **Lawrence Hoffman**, "A Response to Marcia Falk," *Tikkun*, 4:4 (July/August 1989). A radical critique of historical Jewish liturgical imagery and a sympathetic reply.

Lawrence Hoffman, *The Art of Public Prayer: Not for Clergy Alone*, (Sacred Press, 1989). An appeal to redo public worship to more accurately convey our understanding of divinity as imminent. (A somewhat theoretical explanation of what we are already doing at CSZ.)

***Rifat Soncino**, *Finding God*, (UAHC, 1987). Brief introductions to 10 Jewish, male perspectives from the Bible through Erich Fromm.

***Martin Buber**, *The Way of Response*, (Schocken, 1966). A wide range of short selections from many of his longer works, this is the most accessible introduction to Buber's work.

***Abraham Joshua Heschel**, *The Sabbath*, (Farrar, Strauss & Giroux: 1951). Heschel's famous lyrical interpretation of the Sabbath as a sanctuary in time, this small volume is also a window to Heschel's teaching on God.

Thomas Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, (University of Chi-

cago, 1962). Change in science—and elsewhere—is not incremental or evolutionary but usually requires a change of world view or "paradigm shift" which is often initially resisted by all who are invested in the prior system.

Judith Plaskow and Carol Crist, ed. *Womanspirit Rising*, (Harper & Row, 1979). An anthology on women and spirituality, recovering the past and creating for the future. (Also, a new book by the same authors has just been published.)

Jo Milgrom, *The Akedah*, (doctoral dissertation). Explores the binding of Isaac in Jewish sources through the ages, especially in art. Available at the Jewish Community Library.

Jane Zones, *Taking the Fruit*, (The Women's Institute for Continuing Jewish Education, 1989). A collection of women's midrashim. Available at Cody's Books in Berkeley.

Chaim Rafael, *Encounters with the Jewish People* (Behrman House, 1979). A delightful book on Jewish history based on one man's personal search of his own Jewish roots.

Peninah Edelman, *Miriam's Well: Rituals for Jewish Women Around the Year* (Biblio Press, 1986).

Author Dickman, "The Meaning of Everything" reprinted in *The Nature of Human Consciousness*, **Robert Ornstein**, ed. (Viking Press, 1973). A psychological view of consciousness and its relationship to religious metaphysics.

Spike Lee, *Do the Right Thing: the New Spike Lee Joint*, (Fireside Press, 1989). The filmmaker discusses the motivations behind and the process of making his movie.

—Rabbi Yoel Kahn

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Anniversaries

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| 6 | Mark Mendelow & Dennis Moribe |
| 13 | Suzanne Shimek & Pamela Ruskin |
| 16 | Ellen Gierson & Marianne Camp |
| 19 | Leslie Bergson & Nanci Stern |
| 26 | Marilyn Kalman & Marta Wohl |
| 27 | Cindy Icke & Diane Sabin |

Twice Blessed

Celebrate the publication of *Twice Blessed: An Anthology on Gay and Lesbian Jews* at a book party on Saturday evening, November 18, at CSZ. Co-edited by CSZ member Andy Rose and Christie Balka of Philadelphia, *Twice Blessed* explores the entire range of lesbian and gay Jewish experience. The many authors include local contributors Andy Rose, Eric Rofes, Rachel Wahba, Jody Hirsch and Rabbi Yoel Kahn. The party will begin with Havdalah at 8 pm. A panel discussion with the contributors will follow. Refreshments, music and autographed first editions will be available. Sponsored by the Adult Education Committee, this evening is free and open to the community.

Through a special arrangement with Beacon Books, CSZ is able to sell copies of *Twice Blessed* at a significant discount. You may purchase copies through the office or by using the coupon we have conveniently provided for you on the next page.

Library Notes

Ah, Cheshvan...

The rush is over, life returns to normal. The new books are on the shelves; processing the new tapes donated by the Ritual Committee and others can begin. A reminder for those of you who borrowed High Holiday tapes: please return them as soon as possible.

Our new library hours are now in effect: Saturday afternoons from 3 to 5, from 7:30 to 10 in the evening on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, and during regular office hours.

Beginning in December, watch for the institution of a new checkout procedure that will substantially help us in tracking books and tapes. This change will incorporate a card catalog of all books and tapes in the library. Checkout privileges are extended to all staff members, including children.

The Fiction Connection will meet at the China Court Restaurant at 7:30 pm Thursday, November 30. We will be discussing Milton Steinberg's *As a Driven Leaf*.

—Bill Ashley-Dobbin, Librarian

You are cordially invited to attend a

Book Party

honoring the publication of

Twice Blessed: An Anthology on Lesbian and Gay Jews

Saturday Evening, November 18, 8 pm

at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

Havdalah, Panel Discussion with Contributors, Dancing, Fun!

*"Celebrity" local authors Rachel Wahba, Eric Rofes, Jodi Hirsch, Yoel Kahn
and co-editor Andy Rose will be available to autograph your first edition!*

By special arrangement with the publisher, CSZ is able to offer *Twice Blessed* at 20 percent off the bookstore price. Copies will be available at the party or by using the coupon below. Books can be picked up at the synagogue or sent by U.S. mail.

Yes, please reserve me _____ copy(ies) of *Twice Blessed: An Anthology on Gay and Lesbian Jews* at the special CSZ discount price of \$20 for the hardcover edition.

I'd also like _____ copy(ies) of *Out of Our Kitchen Closets*, CSZ's cookbook, at \$13.73 (including tax).

- ☐ I will pick up my book(s) at the party on November 18.
- ☐ I cannot attend November 18. I will pick up my book(s) at the CSZ office.
- ☐ I cannot attend November 18. Please send me *Twice Blessed*. Postage and handling fee is enclosed with my payment.

Name _____ _____ copies of *Twice Blessed* at \$20 each _____

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Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions, of all sizes, to mark any event, and to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless requested otherwise.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

AIDS Fund

Jay Ladin

Mike Rankin, in appreciation of Rep.

Barney Frank's work in Congress

George Ash, in memory of his lover,

David Kohler, who died August 18

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Jonathan Funk and John Arnold, in honor of Bill Schlichter's bar mitzvah

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Wisniewski, in special welcome to Shawn Ritter and Sonia Elizabeth Douglass

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Naches

Congratulations to **Sonia Diana Douglass** on receiving her U.S. citizenship on Oct. 3.

Congratulations to **Sanford Friedman and Jerry Hipps** on celebrating their 15th anniversary and their kiddushin on September 17.

Congratulations to **Andy Rose and Bruce Priebe** who celebrated their kiddushin on September 16.

Our Honored Rose

Andy Rose, director of the Jewish Family and Children's Service AIDS Project since its inception, is leaving his position to move to Baltimore. Andy will speak at a Shabbat service in his honor on Friday evening, November 10. Over the last three years, he has provided invaluable support and assistance to many individuals and families both in our congregation and the community. Rose successfully built a model program for Jewish communities around the country, including community education and outreach, advocacy and volunteer commitments; organized support groups for Jewish people with AIDS, family members, and HIV-positive individuals; instituted regular delivery of home-cooked Jewish meals for PWAs; and provided a Jewish communal presence in the AIDS caregiver and advocacy network as well as helping other Jewish communities start similar programs.

We wish *mazel* to both Andy and his partner, Bruce Priebe, in all their future endeavors.

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Birthdays

1	Steven M. Polsky
3	Robin Rosenbaum
3	Jordan Imani Hauer-Laurencin
5	Frank M.
5	Sasha T.
6	Tanya Aviv Adler
7	Steven Greenberg
9	Neil Sechan
13	Bobby Harris
13	Zachary Miller
14	Jonathan Goldman
17	Asher Whittle Zucker
18	Joel Levine
20	Ali Cannon
22	John Everett Hanely
23	Arlene Hoffman
23	Randall Schiller
26	Michael Harris
26	Cheri A. Pies
26	Allan Blumenfeld
27	Laura Weil
28	Judith E. Schwartz
28	Beatrice Lieberman
29	Mark B. Vogel
29	Harold Podgur
29	Tahg Khorin Adler

Women's Chavurah

Potluck in San Francisco

On Sunday, November 12, the Women's Chavurah will host an "Ethnic Potluck" at the home of Susan Unger. Bring your favorite ethnic dish to share—Australian, Brazilian, Chinese, Danish, Ethiopian, French, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lithuanian, Mexican, Nicaraguan, Oshkoshian, Polish, Quezaltenangoan, Russian, Swiss, Texan, Ugandan, Vietnamese, Welsh rarebit, Yankee Pot

Roast, or Zuni Cafe! Our internationally flavored fete begins at 5 pm at 185 Beaver St. at 15th St. Call Susan at 863-6737 for more information.

Taste of Honey II

Unfortunately this dance will not be held this fall. Check the *Forward* for further updates on the possibility of the later reschedule.

—Ann Biderman, Chairperson



Sharing the Harvest, Sukkot ...

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Dr. Diane Sabin

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Chavurah Gets The Spirit

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's Spirituality Chavurah offers a forum for exploration of various expressions of Jewish spirituality.

Monthly gatherings take on varied formats—from the cerebral to the experiential. Recent meetings have included discussions of the spirituality of Shabbat and of Passover, engaged in the study of Kabbalah, hiked to new spiritual heights on Mt. Tamalpais, meditated "Jewishly," and confronted "sin and atonement."

A self-directed group, open to creative ways to experience ideas and topics decided upon, meetings are held monthly at members' homes, or at the synagogue.

The Chavurah is open to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav members. We welcome your interest and involvement. Please call Larry Wexler at 523-6775 for further information.

Hot to (Fox) Trot?

Then prove it! Gallop over to CSZ on Saturday evening November 11 from 8 to 10 pm for our Beginners' Ballroom Dancing Lesson and Appetizer Social. Don't let not having a dance partner be an excuse ... we'll fix you up! Towards the end of the evening, a dance prize will be handed out. Admission is only \$2.50 (to pay for the dance instructor) and please bring your favorite appetizer. CSZ will provide the drinks and the fun! For more information call Marc Mencher at 626-9592.

Photog Plea Pays Off

It is with great pleasure that your Newsletter Committee announces our two new photographers: Michael Bettinger and Shirley Liberman. You will be seeing them at many congregational events. If anyone else out there might still be interested, there's room for one more. Call Howard at 821-0332.

Yahrzeits

- 1 (Heshvan 3) Abner Schmidt, grandfather of Don Albert
- 1 Mina Geffner, mother of Jerome Geffner
- 1 Emanuel Geffner, father of Jerome Geffner
- 2 Marc Wagner, friend of Johanna Johnson
- 2 Hyman Goldstein, father of Jerome Goldstein
- 3 Hans Meyer, father of Eve Meyer
- 4 Isidor Paker, father of Perry Paker
- 4 William Mantey, grandfather of Bill Schlichter
- 6 Rosalyn Greenwald Shefrin, mother of Susan Greenwald
- 6 Irene Sherwin, grandmother of Rob Tat
- 7 Pearl Taitelbaum, grandmother of Yael Silverberg-Willis
- 7 Anna Gold, grandmother of Allan Gold
- 7 Roy Spaugh, grandfather of Diane Spaugh
- 8 Dina Raven, grandmother of Allyce Kimerling
- 8 Charlie Martin Dobkins Sr., father of Jim Dobkins
- 9 Joseph Goldstein, father of Bill Goldstein
- 9 Ruth Wishner, sister of David Shaber
- 10 Donald Julian Krintzman, friend of Jerome Goldstein
- 10 Herman Wohl, father of Marilyn Kalman
- 11 Bruce Apter, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
- 11 Estelle Harris, mother of Michael Harris
- 12 (Heshvan 14) Cyril S. Roseman, friend of Sherie Ann Koshover
- 12 (Heshvan 14) Hyman Richshafer, grandfather of Sherie Ann Koshover
- 13 Marion Zimmerman, aunt of Sue and Sonia Douglass
- 15 Leah Saslafsky, grandmother of Sharyn Saslafsky
- 15 (Heshvan 17) Hermina Tick, grandmother of Sandra Blair
- 15 Leatrice Billig, friend of Robin Leonard
- 16 (Heshvan 18) Harry Berenstein, father of Allan Berenstein
- 16 (Heshvan 18) George Israel Moskowitz, father of Ron Moskowitz

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Rabbi Yoel Kahn

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Emergency Number: In an emergency, the Congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 420-9718.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am — check calendar for each month.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th & Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th & Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

Member Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Robin Leonard, Liaison) and **World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations** (Mike Rankin and Richard Inlander, Liaison).

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Annual Blood Drive

The Women's Chavurah of Sha'ar Zahav sponsored the annual blood drive on October 7 at the Irwin Memorial Blood Center. Blood donated to our account during the drive, as well as by individuals throughout the year, is available to any of our members needing blood at any time. Any of you unable to donate on October 7 are welcome to do so at any time. Please be sure to credit your donation to our account.

A special thanks to members who donated at the drive or during the year, non-members who donate to our account, Francie McGowan for helping to coordinate appointments, Merry Luskin and Judy Schwartz for staffing our reception table, Alita Rosenfeld for providing Walkmans and cassettes for donors' listening pleasure, Allan Berenstein for coordinating our canteen, all of the men of Sha'ar Zahav who baked

goodies and helped with the canteen and to Accent on Flowers on 24th Street in Noe Valley once again for their generous donation of beautiful long-stemmed red roses for our donors. Special thanks go out to Kate Sharp for co-coordinating this event and doing a fantastic service for us all!

A volunteer is needed for the following ongoing activities: receipt of monthly Irwin statements, answering members' questions regarding credits to our account and contacting people to offer blood when there is a specific need. This would take very little time—one to two hours per month—at the volunteer's convenience. This is a wonderful way to contribute, especially for someone who cannot donate blood. Please contact me at 648-5526 for information.

—Ann Biderman,
Women's Chavurah Chairperson

Oneg Sponsors

During September onegs were sponsored by the following generous people:

- 1 Ron Lezell, in honor of the visit of Adi Budenbrook, and by Steve Elman and Tom Holt in honor of the visit of Steve's parents, Betty and Hy Elman
- 8 Eric Keitel, Aaron Cooper, Shawn Ritter and Irene Ogus in honor of the birthdays of Robin Leonard, Lee Ryan and Rosalinda del Moral
- 15 Sanford Friedman and Jerry Hipps in honor of their 15th anniversary and their kiddushin
- 22 Betty Kalis, in honor of her and Marion's seventh anniversary

All you have to do to sponsor an oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring an oneg is \$50. You can also provide the food, flowers, etc. for a more personal touch.



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1 Wednesday 3 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism class, with Phyllis Mintzer 	8 Wednesday 10 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism class, with Phyllis Mintzer 	15 Wednesday 17 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism Class with Phyllis Mintzer 	23 Thursday 25 Heshvan Thanksgiving
2 Thursday 4 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UAHC Biennial in New Orleans 7:30pm, Social Action Committee 7:30pm, Long Range Planning Meeting 7:30pm, Children's Education meeting in East Bay 	9 Thursday 11 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm, Children's Education 7:30pm, Spirituality Chavurah 	16 Thursday 18 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Bikkur Cholim 	24 Friday 26 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15pm, Services, Chayei Sarah, Leslie Bergson and Susan Gelmis, childcare available
3 Friday 5 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UAHC Biennial in New Orleans 8:15pm, Services, Noach, Torah Service, Dana Vinicoff 	10 Friday 12 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15pm, Services, Lech Lecha, Rabbi Kahn and Jose Luis Moscovich; Robert Crocker, accompanist; Andy Rose, sermon 	17 Friday 19 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Children's Service and Dinner, Daniel Chesir 8:15pm, Services, Vayera, Henry Mach 	25 Saturday 27 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am, Morning Services, Chayei Sarah, Ritual Committee
4 Saturday 6 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UAHC Biennial in New Orleans 9:30am, Kadimah 	11 Saturday 13 Heshvan Veterans Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30pm, Kadimah 8pm, Ballroom Dancing Lesson and Social 	18 Saturday 20 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8pm, <i>Twice Blessed</i> reception 	26 Sunday 28 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch, Kaiser Hospital, San Francisco 4pm, Ensemble
5 Sunday 7 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UAHC Biennial in New Orleans 2pm, Social Action Parenting Forum 	12 Sunday 14 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4pm, Ensemble 5pm, Women's Chavurah Potluck at Susan Unger's, 185 Beaver St. at 15th Street 	19 Sunday 21 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am, UAHC President's Council, Sinai in Oakland 2pm, Social Action Parenting Forum 	27 Monday 29 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm, Gift Shop open (Library)
6 Monday 8 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UAHC Biennial in New Orleans 	13 Monday 15 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm, Va'ad meeting 7pm, Gift Shop open (Library) 	20 Monday 22 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Education Committee 	28 Tuesday 30 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Back to the Sources class with Rabbi Kahn
7 Tuesday 9 Heshvan Election Day	14 Tuesday 16 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Back to the Sources class with Rabbi Kahn 7:30pm, Newsletter editing, 1711 Castro 	21 Tuesday 23 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Back to the Sources class with Rabbi Kahn 7:30pm, Newsletter layout/proofing, 1711 Castro 	29 Wednesday 1 Kislev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism class with Phyllis Mintzer
		22 Wednesday 24 Heshvan	30 Thursday 2 Kislev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm, Ritual Committee 7:30pm, Newsletter Mailing, 14 Grandview Terrace

1 **Friday, December 1**
3 Kislev, 8:15pm, Services, Toldot, Rabbi Kahn

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POST EARTHQUAKE UPDATE OF CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV EVENTS

We are pleased to inform you that all is well at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and that the synagogue was spared any structural damage. For the time-being we are adjusting as best we can to accommodate members and guests who wish to participate in services and programs, particularly for those people coming to San Francisco from the East Bay.

Sunday, October 29, 4:00 pm: New members potluck will take place at Rabbi Kahn's home. For shuttle assistance from 16th St. & Mission BART contact Merry Luskin, 664-4520 by noon on October 29th.

Services at CSZ: Shuttle assistance will be provided from 16th St. & Mission BART. Call the synagogue office by Thursday at noon if you need a ride.

Friday, November 3: 8:15 pm, East Bay Shabbat Services will be held at the home of Kate Sharp and Alita Rosenfeld, 1400 McGee St., Berkeley. Call synagogue office with questions.

Sunday, November 5: 2:30 pm, Parenting Forum will take place as scheduled at CSZ. We will provide free shuttle service at 16th St. & Mission at 1:45 pm & 2:05 pm. Call Lisa Katz by noon on day of event, 285-4934, for reservation (helpful but not essential).

Sunday, November 12: 5:00 - 7:30 pm, Women's Chavurah/Potluck will be held at the home of Susan Unger, 185 Beaver, San Francisco. For transportation assistance from BART contact Susan at 863-6737.

Friday, November 17: 8:15 pm, East Bay Shabbat Services will be held at the home of Ida Kuluk, 1442 East 36th St., Oakland (dead end off of Beaumont St.) Call CSZ office with questions.

Friday, November 17: Children's Service & Dinner - Details will be sent to members of Children's Chavurah.

Saturday, November 18: 8:00 pm, Reception for Twice Blessed, call CSZ office by noon on Friday, November 16 to arrange for shuttle assistance from 16th & Mission BART.

November 19: 2:30 pm, Parenting Forum, phone Lisa Katz by noon on day of event if you need shuttle assistance from 16th & Mission BART. See listing for Sunday, November 5 Parenting Forum for phone number and pick up times for shuttle.

